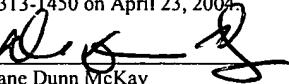


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
SAKAMOTO et al.
Serial No. 10/086,931 : Group Art Unit: 1764
Filed: March 1, 2002 : Examiner: MANOHARAN, V.
Title: METHOD FOR DISTILLING :
(METH)ACRYLIC ACID SOLUTION :
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a two-month extension of time, up to and including April 24, 2004 in which to file a response to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2003. The fee for a two-month extension of time is \$420.00. Applicant has previously paid the fee of \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time. Accordingly, a fee in the amount of \$310.00, which represents the balance for an additional extension, is enclosed.

If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,



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